

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BEACH EROSION AUTHORITY FOR  
CLEAN OCEANS AND NOURISHMENT (B.E.A.C.O.N.)

February 13, 2004

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment ("B.E.A.C.O.N.") was held on Friday, February 13, 2004, at Carpinteria City Hall, Carpinteria, CA. Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present at roll call:

Susan Rose	Chair, Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara
Naomi Schwartz	Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara
Jon Sharkey	Mayor, City of Port Hueneme
Brian Brennan	Mayor, City of San Buenaventura
Das Williams	Council member, City of Santa Barbara
Jonney Wallis	Council member, City of Goleta
Steve Bennett	Supervisor, County of Ventura
Michael Ledbetter	Council member, City of Carpinteria

Consisting of a quorum of eight (8).

Staff, B.E.A.C.O.N. advisors and representatives for legislative officers who were present or spoke were:

Kevin Ready, Executive Director, B.E.A.C.O.N.  
Army Corps of Engineers and contractors  
Matt Roberts  
Barbara Lopez  
Kim Sterret  
Cliff Davenport  
Candace Garner, as secretary

ITEM 1: **Call to order** by Chair Rose; called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Welcome to Das Williams attending for the first time.

ITEM 2: **Approval of Agenda for February 13, 2003 Meeting and Filing Certificate of Agenda Posting.** Action. A motion was made, by Council Member Brennan, to approve the February 13, 2003 Agenda and Filing of Certificate. Boardmember Sharkey seconded the motion. No one opposed it. The Board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: **Consideration and Approval of Minutes for December 3, 2003.** Action. A motion was made to approve minutes of the December 3, 2003 B.E.A.C.O.N. meeting. The motion was made by Board member Brennan and seconded by Vice-Chair Sharkey, the Board voted, the motion passed (a quorum) with an abstention by Das Williams, Naomi Schwartz, and Jonney Wallis. It was decided to table approval of the February 4, 2004 Special Meeting minutes.

**ITEM 4: Public Comment and Other Reports. Comments from the public on matters not on the agenda.** Chair Rose called for public comment for matters not on the agenda, with no response from members of the audience.

- a. Reports from legislative offices – as an agenda item from Congresswoman Capps later.
- b. Boating and Waterways – as an agenda item later.
- c. Cal Coast- No report.
- d. Jonney Wallis requested the City of Goleta be added to B.E.A.C.O.N. stationery.
- e. The city site was approved by the City of Ventura and passed the permit on to the Coastal Commission who has posted their notice of appeal. Five of the six sites are done. Oxnard is off the table due to public opposition; an alternate route is needed. Kevin Ready recommended asking the Federal Government for money for Phase II, the task of getting the sand to the beaches.
- f. The Army Corps of Engineers and contractors are present to report on Oil Piers Section 227. Boating and Waterways has an additional \$270,000 to help with the State and Local match. See PowerPoint presentation included with the minutes. This presentation was completed after Item 4 (d) [4]. A local workshop and Public Hearing is scheduled from 12-5 p.m. today. Kevin Ready stated that \$100,000 mitigation money is available via the Coastal Commission for coastal access from Mobil/Exxon Oil Company. Ventura County Parks is not interested in the monies at this time because of additional required monies to develop a park. Possibly a local non-profit may become interested in developing Public Access. Parking and facilities would need to be upgraded once this project renews the reef. Kelp colonization will also need to be addressed during the study, project and renewal.
- g. Biltmore Beach project is in a holding pattern. They have paid the grant contract and have asked us to stop the study until they have made a decision about what to do with the local development permit. The first feasibility study phase is complete.
- h. Das Williams asked that a letter from B.E.A.C.O.N. be sent to Congressman Gallegly, Congresswoman Capps and California Senators asking that the \$1.9 M for Santa Barbara dredging funds be again included to the budget in Congress. Kevin stated this would be addressed in Agenda item 11. The request must be submitted by next Friday, February 20, 2004. Mayor Brennan will manage this submission and contact Steve Aceti for assistance.
- i. Matilija/Ventura River study is completed and final reports have been distributed to agencies contracted with B.E.A.C.O.N.
- j. Matt Roberts provided Carpinteria Projects information. The Army Corps of Engineers is working with The City of Carpinteria on both of the storm wave damage reduction projects. Data is being reviewed. Federal Government level funding is being sought. A dune vegetation and restoration project is also being considered to re-establish native planting and reduce wave damage.
- k. Kevin Ready addressed the Goleta Beach Demonstration Project. Photographs were provided to exhibit the progress made at the beach. See these included in the minutes. 58,000 cubic yards of sand was added for dredging, 20,000 cubic yards in Goleta Slough, and 10 to 20,000 cubic yards will be added in beach sand.

**ITEM 5: Election Of Officers.** Action. A motion was made to nominate Supervisor Rose as Chair and Mayor Sharkey as Vice-Chair to complete a two-year term and offer continuity to the Board of B.E.A.C.O.N. A Roll was called for votes. The vote was unanimous.

**ITEM 6: Independent Audit and Accounting Matters.** Action. Kevin Ready reported that an agency the size of B.E.A.C.O.N. hold an independent audit bi-annually. The accountant recommended an annual audit because of the many Federal, State and Local programs and funding. The Board directed that an annual audit be held.

Approve, accept and set on agenda for corrections. The auditor has a three (3) year contract. The cost increase will be due to an increase of Federal Grants that may exceed \$500,000 and will require a single audit. See the provided staff report that outlines three suggested changes. Board member Brennan made the motion to approve a. and b., seconded by Vice-Chair Sharkey, the Board voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

1. Make adjustment to actual accounting.
2. Adjustment to accrual for year-end.
3. Project accounting be moved to an other account as needed.
4. Naomi Schwartz raised the issue of Butterfly Beach project amendment to description.
5. Barbara noted she will be retiring in March and introduced Marcie Graco as her replacement.

**ITEM 7: Resolution of Appreciation.** Action.

- a. Adoption of the Resolution for Appreciation of Barbara Lopez's service to B.E.A.C.O.N. was a unanimous vote.
- b. A Proclamation was read and awarded to Ms. Lopez. A plaque will be delivered to Barbara at her office on Tuesday.

**ITEM 8: Executive Director's Position and BEACON Staffing.**

- a. Kevin Ready referred the Board to the draft of the job description for Executive Director position. County Counsel has contracted for one-third of Mr. Ready's time. Kevin will be Counsel now for County Property Tax and will have time only for legal assistance and will be unable to offer management time to B.E.A.C.O.N.. A full four hundred hours of Mr. Ready's time will in all probability be used this year. Karl Treiberg has volunteered to manage the website for B.E.A.C.O.N. There is a new website address: [www.beacon.ca.gov](http://www.beacon.ca.gov). Funding opportunities were discussed. Brian Brennan will investigate options and offered a report on this aspect as well as serve pro bono as Public Outreach liaison to the Board. Administrative function was discussed. Karl Treiberg contracted with the Board for \$10,000 admin services. Barbara reported that \$15,000 a quarter is spent for management. Susan Rose and Brian Brennan are willing to work together to produce a report that would profile how to finance management for B.E.A.C.O.N. Therefore this issue is in a holding pattern until a final report and financing is available. Thanks were issued to Brian Brennan and especially to Kevin Ready for superior management the last four years and a passion for the projects. Naomi Schwartz suggested that the Chair should take on more responsibility using staff to produce agendas, minutes etc.

Susan Rose had to leave so Vice-Chair Sharkey directed the remainder of the meeting.

**ITEM 9: Kelp Re-establishment Project. Action.**

a. Kevin Ready described the model for kelp growing, a sphere that is dropped off a boat into the sand in the ocean to give a base for kelp to adhere to. A scientific study has been requested of the Coastal Commission, The Army Corps of Engineers and State Lands Commission to approve dropping 24 of these domes across Goleta Bay. CEQA has provided a Notice of Exemption for scientific study and information gathering. The Parks Department has agreed to fund the cost of application. Robert Kiel of Seattle Aquarium is designing the project. The UCSB Marine Studies Institute will do the actual implementation work of setting the domes. Approval of sponsorship of this project and approve the CEQA Notice of Exemption is requested. Board member Williams made the motion to approve a. and c., seconded by Vice-Chair Sharkey, the Board voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

b. OFF THE TABLE. Not approved i.e. to provide staff with direction regarding project proposal for Bren School and further study of the kelp re-establishment concept. This may continue to next year. Susan Rose stated that a point person should be appointed at UCSB. She spoke with Chancellor Yang and he has requested a letter stating this request.

**ITEM 10: Department of Boating and Waterways Workshop and Contracts. Action.**

- a. We have been asked to host a workshop in April or later. The workshop for the Coastal Sediment Master Plan would be for two hours and limit the Beacon meeting to one hour. A compatibility study grant and contracts have been held up but we will get those grants. Kim Sterret Director of Public Beach Restoration Program provided an oral report. Funding is down for all projects. We hope to shift \$1M from L.A. District for Project 227 in the next year or more. Three or four contracts and grants will be available at April meeting for approval.
- b. Cliff Davenport, a consultant from the California Geological Survey and project manager for the Master Plan distributed handouts and presented a report on the California Coastal Management Work Group. Sediment and shoreline erosion problems are being addressed via this project. Master Plan Projects:
  1. Corp of Engineers as hosts will build a more comprehensive website. Website is under construction.
  2. Institute a Public Outreach effort including workshops. Kevin asked, "What kind of public participation is expected, where to have the workshop, or within the parameters of the Board meeting, and noticing?" It was suggested to hold the workshop after the next meeting and not require a quorum for the workshop. Kevin suggested a bifurcated meeting at a Supervisors room with a lunch break and broadcast the workshop to other sites. Brian Brennan and Kevin Ready will arrange the venue and time for the workshop. A tacit action was accepted by the Board to proceed.
  3. Research and analyze local, Regional, State and Federal policies, procedures and regulations that relate to Sediment Management activities. Identify permitting problems and solutions.
  4. Identify and analyze economic outlets. An economic study will be available in June.
  5. Add information from local and Regional Agencies to the GIS system and make it available through the Internet with maps. GIS is compiled.

6. Gather all relevant information pertaining to sediment activity in one location. The focus of the study will be on compatibility and turbidity issues associated with beach nourishment.
7. Provide a Statewide strategy focus report.
8. Workshops were held last week at Sandag and two more are scheduled next month in LA and Orange Counties. We will present one here in April if approved. Others will be held in Monterey, San Francisco and Eureka.
9. The Work Group has entered into contract negotiations with The Everest Team, which includes Steve Aceti and Howard Marlowe.
10. The Regional Opportunistic and Compatibility Template will be contract administered by Sandag. Steve Sachs will send out the contracts soon.
11. The Corps LA District is working up the contract for the Internet map server with the Mobile, Alabama District.
12. Studies under development include the Transport of Sediment and The Biological Impacts of Turbidity. The scope of work will be ready in the near future. We have @\$315,000 for those projects.

**ITEM 11: Federal Budget Recommendations for FY 2004-2005.** Congresswoman Capps requested a specific recommendation for the budget. This list should be available next Friday and a copy sent to Congressman Gallegly. Naomi Schwartz will be in Washington and would deliver letters for budget requests. The budget should include:

1. \$500,000 for the Corp study
2. \$1 M for second phase of Beach Enhancement
3. \$1.9 M for dredging the channel in Santa Barbara

**ITEM 12: Amendment to Moffatt & Nichol Contract for Monitoring Goleta Beach.** Action. The change necessary is the Coastal Construction Monitoring needs to be extended to include an additional \$10,000 to meet requirements of the Coastal Commission. Board Member Schwartz made the motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Wallis, the Board voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

**ITEM 13:** Adjourned at 11:05 a.m. to next regular meeting, April 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Carpinteria City Hall. Vice-Chair Sharkey adjourned the meeting.

End of Agenda Items

Minutes respectfully submitted by Candace Garner,  
secretary to Kevin Ready, Executive Director, B.E.A.C.O.N.

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